



Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-600A
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For USCIS Use Only		
The applicant is: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried The applicant is approved to adopt an orphan from (if specified): _____ (Name of non-Hague Convention Country) Approval Valid Until (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Final Adjudicating Office: _____	Action Block	Receipt/Fee Stamp Remarks

To be Completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any)	<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 or G-28I is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) _____	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) _____
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▶ **START HERE - Type or print in black ink.** This application is used to determine whether you (and your spouse, if married) are suitable and eligible to adopt a child from a non-Hague Convention country, who has been or will be adopted and who qualifies as an orphan under U.S. immigration law.

You must be a U.S. citizen in order to file this application. See the **What Are the Eligibility Requirements** section of the Form I-600A Instructions for more information.

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant)

1. Family Name (Last Name) _____	Given Name (First Name) _____	Middle Name (if applicable) _____
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2. Other Names Used (if any)

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**.

Family Name (Last Name) _____ _____	Given Name (First Name) _____ _____	Middle Name (if applicable) _____ _____
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Your Contact Information

3. U.S. Mailing Address (if any)

In Care Of Name (if any)

Street Number and Name _____	Apt. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ste. <input type="checkbox"/>	Flr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Number _____
City or Town _____	State _____	ZIP Code _____		

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

4. Is your current U.S. mailing address the same as your U.S. physical address? Yes No

If you answered "No," provide your U.S. physical address in **Item Number 5.** or your address abroad in **Item Number 6.,** as appropriate.

5. U.S. Physical Address (if any)

Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City or Town State ZIP Code

6. Address Abroad (if any)

Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City or Town State
Province Postal Code Country

7. Daytime Telephone Number

8. Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

9. Email Address (if any)

Information About Your U.S. Citizenship

10. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

12. City/Town/Village of Birth

13. State or Province of Birth

14. Country of Birth

15. How did you obtain your U.S. citizenship? Birth Parents Naturalization

A. If you obtained your citizenship through your parents, have you obtained a Certificate of Citizenship in your own name? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide the following information about your Certificate of Citizenship:

Your Name On the Certificate of Citizenship

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) Certificate of Citizenship Number

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Date of Issuance (mm/dd/yyyy) Place of Issuance

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

B. If you obtained your citizenship through naturalization, provide the following information about your Certificate of Naturalization:

Your Name On The Certificate of Naturalization

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

A-Number (if any) Certificate of Naturalization Number

Date of Naturalization (mm/dd/yyyy) Place of Naturalization

16. Have you **EVER** renounced or lost U.S. citizenship or has anyone you obtained citizenship through (such as your parent or grandparent) **EVER** lost U.S. citizenship? Yes No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes," provide a detailed explanation in the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**

17. What is your marital status? Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

18. How many times have you been married (including your current marriage, if applicable)?

NOTE: If you are not currently married, skip to **Item Number 30.**

Information About Your Current Marriage

19. Date of Current Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy) **20.** Place Where Current Marriage Occurred

21. Name of Your Current Spouse
Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

22. Other Names Your Current Spouse Has Used (if any)
Provide all other names your spouse has ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

23. Information About Your Current Spouse
Spouse's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Spouse's A-Number (if any) Spouse's USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

Spouse's City/Town/Village of Birth Spouse's State or Province of Birth

Spouse's Country of Birth

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

Is your spouse a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," how did your spouse obtain citizenship? Birth Naturalization Parents

If you answered "No," provide your spouse's current U.S. immigration status:

24. How many times has your current spouse been married (including your current marriage, if applicable)?

Your Spouse's Contact Information

25. Does your current spouse reside with you?

Yes No

If you answered "No," provide your current spouse's physical address in **Item Number 26**.

26. Your Current Spouse's Physical Address (if applicable)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

27. Your Spouse's Daytime Telephone Number

28. Your Spouse's Mobile Telephone Number (If any)

29. Your Spouse's Email Address (if any)

Additional Household Members

30. How many persons 18 years of age or older (other than your spouse if married) reside with you?

If you answered "1" or more, you **MUST** complete Form I-600A/I-600 Supplement 1, Listing of Adult Member of the Household, for each person.

31. List all of your children who are under 18 years of age. Also include any other children under 18 years of age who reside in your household, regardless of your relationship to those children. If you need extra space to complete this table, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**.

Name (First/Middle/Last)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country of Birth	A-Number (if any)	Relationship to You

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

Information About Prior Filings or Adoptions

If you need extra space to complete **Item Numbers 32. - 37.**, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**

- 32.** Have you ever previously filed Form I-600A, Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative, Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child From a Convention Country, or Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide the following information for **EACH** petition and/or application:

Type of Petition/Application Filed:

- Form I-600A Form I-600 Form I-800A Form I-800 Form I-130 (for an adopted child)

Result: Approved Denied Withdrawn Revoked

Other (please explain):

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

- 33.** Have you previously completed a domestic adoption of a child within the U.S.? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide the following information for each completed domestic adoption of a child.

State And Country Where Adoption Was Finalized

Date Adoption Was Finalized (mm/dd/yyyy)

- 34.** Have you ever previously attempted to adopt a child internationally or domestically, but the adoption was disrupted before it was finalized? An adoption is disrupted if you (or a custodian escorting the child on your behalf) are granted legal custody or guardianship of the child but the adoptive placement is interrupted before the adoption was finalized. Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide a detailed description of the disruption.

- 35.** Have you ever previously completed an adoption, either in the United States or abroad, that was later dissolved? An adoption is dissolved if your parental rights over the adopted child are terminated at any time after the adoption was finalized. Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide a detailed description of the dissolution.

- 36.** Have you ever previously placed a child in the care of another person with the intent to transfer permanent custody of the child? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide a detailed description of the placement.

- 37.** Have you ever received a child with the intent to gain permanent custody but without involving child welfare or other state/local authorities or following a state/local process? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide a detailed description of the custody transfer.

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

Duty of Disclosure

You and your spouse (if married), must answer the following questions. See the **Duty of Disclosure** section in the Form I-600A Instructions concerning your ongoing duty to disclose information in response to these questions. If you or your spouse answer "Yes" to any of the questions in **Item Numbers 38. and 39.**, provide a certified copy of the documentation showing the final disposition of each incident which resulted in arrest, indictment, conviction, and/or any other judicial or administrative action and a written statement giving details, including any mitigating circumstances about each arrest, signed by you and/or your spouse (if married) under penalty of perjury under U.S. law. The written statement must show the date of each incident; place incident occurred (city/town, state/province, country); name of police department or other law enforcement administration or other entity involved; date of incarceration and name of facility, if applicable. Provide a description of any type of counseling, rehabilitation, or other information that you and your spouse (if married) would like considered in light of this history in the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**.

38. Have you **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:

- A. Been investigated, arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance? (Answer "Yes" even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration. Do not include traffic violations, except for violations for driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant.) Yes No
- B. Received a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? Yes No
- C. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or parole, or been in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge? Yes No
- D. Been the subject of any investigation at any time, even if closed or unsubstantiated, by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any state or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child? Yes No

39. Has your spouse **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:

- A. Been investigated, arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance? (Answer "Yes" even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration. Do not include traffic violations, except for violations for driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant.) Yes No
- B. Received a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? Yes No
- C. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or parole, or been in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge? Yes No
- D. Been the subject of any investigation at any time, even if closed or unsubstantiated, by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any state or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child? Yes No

Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider

1. Your home study:

- A. **IS attached** to this Form I-600A.
- B. **IS NOT attached** to this Form I-600A, but will be submitted within one year from the date you file this Form I-600A. (If your home study is not received within one year, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will deny your Form I-600A under 8 CFR 204.3(c)(2) and (h)(5).)

Information About Your Home Study Preparer

2. Information About Who Prepared or Will Prepare Your Home Study

A. Name of Home Study Preparer

B. Point of Contact Within the Organization (if applicable)

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

C. Home Study Preparer's Mailing Address and Contact Information

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

D. Home Study Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number

E. Home Study Preparer's Fax Number (if any)

F. Home Study Preparer's Email Address (if any)

Information About Your Home Study Reviewer and Approver (if applicable)

If your home study was not performed by an accredited agency, an accredited agency must review and approve your home study before you submit it to USCIS. This requirement does not apply to a home study that was prepared by a public domestic authority or a public foreign authority.

3. Information About Who Reviewed And Approved (or will review and approve) Your Home Study (if applicable)

A. Name of Home Study Reviewer/Approver

B. Point of Contact Within the Organization (if applicable)

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider (continued)

C. Reviewer's/Approver's Mailing Address and Contact Information

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

D. Home Study Reviewer's/Approver's Daytime Telephone Number

E. Home Study Reviewer's/Approver's Fax Number (if any)

F. Home Study Reviewer's/Approver's Email Address (if any)

Information About Your Primary Adoption Service Provider (if applicable)

A primary adoption service provider is the accredited agency or approved person who is responsible under 22 CFR 96 for ensuring all six adoption services defined in 22 CFR 96.2 are provided according to the law, for supervising and being responsible for supervised providers when used (see 22 CFR 96.14), and for developing and implementing a service plan in accordance with 22 CFR 96.44.

4. Is your home study preparer or the agency that reviewed and approved your home study also your primary adoption service provider? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," indicate which individual or organization provided in either **Item Number 2.** or **Item Number 3.** is serving as your primary adoption service provider.

If you answered "No," you must answer **Item Number 5.**

5. Have you identified another accredited agency or approved person to serve as your primary adoption service provider?

- Yes, I have identified a primary adoption service provider that will be responsible for my case. Provide the name and contact information of your primary adoption service provider in **Items A. - E.** below.
- No, I have not yet identified a primary adoption service provider that will be responsible for my case.

NOTE: If you have not identified a different agency to serve as your primary adoption service provider, the individual or agency that prepared or reviewed and approved your home study must serve as your primary adoption service provider when you file your Form I-600 petition on behalf of a specific child. See the **General Instructions** section of the Form I-600A's Instructions for more information.

Provide the name and contact information of the primary adoption service provider that will be responsible for your case.

A. Name of Primary Adoption Service Provider

Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider (continued)

B. Point of Contact Within the Organization

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

C. Primary Adoption Service Provider's Daytime Telephone Number

D. Primary Adoption Service Provider's Fax Number (if any)

E. Primary Adoption Service Provider's Email Address (if any)

Part 3. Information About Your Intended Adoption(s)

1. What country do you intend to adopt from (if known)?

2. Do you or your spouse (if married) plan to travel abroad to locate or adopt a child?

Yes No

3. If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 2., provide the following information (if available):

A. Your Intended Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

B. Your Spouse's Intended Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

C. Place to Which You or Your Spouse (if married) Are Traveling

City or Town

Province

Country

4. Will you and your spouse (if married) adopt the child abroad after either you or your spouse (if married) have personally seen and observed the child before or during the adoption proceedings?

Yes No

5. If you know that the child will be adopted in the United States, provide a written description of all the pre-adoption requirements of the state of the child's proposed residence. Cite any relevant state statutes and regulations, and describe the steps you have already taken or will take to comply with these requirements. Identify and explain any pre-adoption requirements that you cannot meet at this time as a result of state law. If you need extra space to complete this Item Number, use the space provided in Part 9. Additional Information.

6. Where do you wish to file your Form I-600 orphan petition? (Complete one of the options below)

A. The USCIS office located at:

OR

B. The U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate located at:

7. Do you plan to adopt more than one child?

Yes No

8. If you answered "Yes," enter the number of children you plan to adopt.

Part 4. Accommodations for Individuals With Disabilities and/or Impairments

NOTE: Read the information in the Form I-600A Instructions before completing this section.

1. Are you requesting an accommodation because of disabilities and/or impairments? Yes No
2. If you answered "Yes," select all applicable boxes below that indicate who has the disabilities and/or impairments.
 Applicant Spouse Other Adult Household Member
3. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.**, select all applicable boxes in **Items A. - C.** and provide an answer for each person with disabilities and/or impairments.
 - A. Deaf or hard of hearing and request the following accommodation. (If requesting a sign-language interpreter, indicate for which language (for example, American Sign Language)):

 - B. Blind or have low vision and request the following accommodation:

 - C. Another type of disability and/or impairment. (Describe the nature of the disability and/or impairment and the requested accommodation):

Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-600A Instructions before completing this section.

Applicant's Statement

1. Applicant's Statement Regarding the Interpreter (Select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.**)
 - A. I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
 - B. The interpreter named in **Part 7.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.
2. Applicant's Statement Regarding the Preparer (if applicable)
 At my request, the preparer named in **Part 8.**, , prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Applicant's Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature (continued)

I understand that USCIS will require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (for example, fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1) I reviewed and provided or authorized all of the information in my application;
- 2) I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
- 3) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Applicant's Duty of Disclosure

I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent, as described in the Form I-600A and/or Form I-600 Instructions, and I agree to notify my home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

Applicant's Signature

3. Applicant's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

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NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

Part 6. Your Spouse's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature

Your Spouse's Statement

1. Spouse's Statement Regarding the Interpreter (select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.**)

- A. I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
- B. The interpreter named in **Part 7.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.

2. Spouse's Statement Regarding the Preparer (if applicable)

- At my request, the preparer named in **Part 8.**, , prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Your Spouse's Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent.

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Part 6. Your Spouse's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature (continued)

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- 1) I reviewed and provided or authorized all of the information in my application;
- 2) I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
- 3) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Your Spouse's Duty of Disclosure

I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent, as described in the Form I-600A and/or Form I-600 Instructions, and I agree to notify the home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

Your Spouse's Signature

3. Your Spouse's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Part 7. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

If you and/or your spouse (if married) used an interpreter to read and complete this application, provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter's Full Name

1. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name) Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)

2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Interpreter's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Fl. Number

City or Town State ZIP Code

Province Postal Code Country

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number

5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

Part 7. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (continued)

Interpreter's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and , which is the same language specified in **Parts 5. and 6., Item B in Item Number 1.**, and I have read to this applicant and/or the applicant's spouse in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and their answer to every question. The applicant and/or the applicant's spouse informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the **Applicant's Certification** and the **Your Spouse's Certification**, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Interpreter's Signature

7. Interpreter's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and Spouse

If you and/or your spouse (if married) used a preparer to complete this application, provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

1. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name) Preparer's Given Name (First Name)
2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Preparer's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Fl. Number
City or Town State ZIP Code
Province Postal Code Country

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number
5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and Spouse (continued)

Preparer's Statement

7. A. I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married) with the applicant's and/or the applicant's spouse's (if married) consent.
- B. I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married) in this case extends does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married). The applicant and the applicant's spouse (if married) then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the **Applicant's Certification** and the **Your Spouse's Certification**, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

8. Preparer's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

09/06/2022

Part 9. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. If you attach a separate sheet of paper, type or print your full name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1. Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

2. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

3. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number

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4. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number

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5. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number

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6. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number

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